

District III Advisory Board Minutes

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**September 21, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

**Wichita WATER Center
101 E. Pawnee**

The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Wichita WATER Center at 101 E Pawnee. The District III City Council member, Jim Skelton was absent and Pro Temp William Ward led the meeting with eight (8) District Advisory Board members in attendance. Three (3) city staff were present and approximately fourteen (14) members of the public, most of whom signed in.

Members Present

Teresa Cook
Jim Gulick
Joann Hartig
John Kemp
Dewayne Kitchen
Gerry Myers
Jesse Sheffield
William Ward
Danny Harshbarger-Youth

Members Absent

Judy Dillard
Matt Foley
Charlotte Foster
CM Jim Skelton

Staff Present

Phommachanh Fongvilay
Scott Knebel
Vicki Mork

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

President Pro Temp Bill Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Kemp (Gulick) moved that the minutes from the September 7, 2005 meeting be accepted with corrections made concerning address zip codes on page 7.

Action: Received and filed.

Staff Presentations

1. Community Policing

Wichita Police Officer Phommachanh Fongvilay, 34 Beat gave a report on the East Patrol beats in District III.

Beat 32 there is a graffiti problem at 1759 S. Hillside. **Beat 33** efforts continue on behalf of Club Dreamz at 2600 S. Oliver. In view of past activities at this location the City Attorney has filed a public nuisance lawsuit and injunction. The hearing is scheduled on Friday, September 30. Also the second Planeview Hispanic Neighborhood Association will be held Friday, September 23 Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 6:00 p.m. **Beat 34** reports there was an aggravated robbery on South Pershing. The neighbor has a \$90 loss. **Beat 35** 800 S. Bleckley has had problems with a peeping tom. He is described as a white male, 6 feet tall with mustache and goatee. **Beat 36** had nothing to report.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

Board Agenda

2. Metropolitan Area Planning Department

Scott Knebel passed out copies of the South Central Neighborhood Plan along with a copy of a survey that's been mailed out. He narrated the presentation of the South Central Revitalization Plan developed by members of the South Central Improvement Association. It featured a historical review of the area showing many old homes and the glories of South Broadway when it was the route of Highway 81. Recent improvements were also featured including the Bailey Rail Corridor, Lincoln Park, The Firefighters Museum, South Patrol Police Station, the Wichita WATER Center all of which is anchored by the La Quinta Hotel at the north end and the Wal-Mart Super store at the south end. Ideas for possible improvements for the neighborhood had been developed and were presented. The Neighborhood Association members are eager to promote pride in neighborhood.

Knebel explained a committee has been formed and they are working on a plan of action to be presented to Council next spring. The River is seen as a huge asset to the neighborhood but not in its present form especially south of the Lincoln Street Dam, the lowered river level is unattractive.

Much discussion ensued beginning with comments concerning increased traffic in the neighborhood as a result of the new arena to be built downtown and proper movement of it through the area, Gander Mountain has begun trend of river improvements but the impact must travel south also, **Knebel** said plan updating has just begun. It will be a six month process with new goals and strategies as a result.

Ben Huey, 12011 Rolling Hills Drive representing the Arkansas River Coalition sees improvement of the East bank as conducive to area development. He cautions careful investigation of possible dam at John Mack Bridge. **Betty Strickland**, 1302 Galena is concerned about affect of dam at John Mack Bridge to Garvey Park Canoe launch. **Larry Manny**, 1116 Alturas is concerned that a dam on river might make for wet basements.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

3. Updates, Issues and Reports

Harshbarger had no report.

Kemp reported he attended a Park Board retreat at Nature Center. He learned a lot, went on a bus tour of parks, water purification plant and enjoyed it. The K-15 picnic is Wednesday, October 5 at 3000 East Dunham.

Gulick said that the City of Wichita was buying houses on northwest corner of Bluff and Mt. Vernon. Homeowners were told it was easier and cheaper to buy their homes and demolish them rather than correct flood problem.

Sheffield reported that Wal-Mart is going to build gas station in the mini-mall. He also reported work on widening Pawnee has begun. Houses have been bought and utility relocation is the next step.

Cook invited everyone to Schweiter East Picnic on Saturday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Hartig said Gang coalition meeting presented by the Wichita Police Department was sparsely attended. Impacting the gang problem requires increased participation and more diversity. Next meeting will be October 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Kitchen said the Wichita Police Department recently surveyed Planeview Neighborhood Association regarding gang awareness in the area. The second Planeview Hispanic meeting to be held on Friday, September 23 at Colvin Neighborhood City Hall. A larger crowd is expected. Announced a neighborhood cleanup is coming up and again there is concern about trash being imported to the neighborhood for clean up. They plan to scrutinize participants and want to turn non-residents away.

Myers questioned the propriety of turning people away from a City of Wichita funded cleanup? **Kitchen** defended Planeview's approach and explained there are constant problems with illegal dumping in Planeview. It was also reported that Rob Snyder has sold all of the new houses he built in Planeview. His next plan is to develop a shopping center at Pawnee and George Washington Boulevard.

Meeting adjourned by Gulick (Cook) at 8:15 p.m.

Recommended Action: Address each item as appropriate.

4. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be October 5, 2005 at the Water Center 101 E. Pawnee at 7:00 p.m.

No Action Required

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant

Visitors

Elena Ingle	3608 Meadow Ln.	67218
John & Debra Stevens	3125 E. Boston	67211
Larry & Kathy Manny	1116 Alturas	67216
Bill Davis	1818 S. Main	67211
Carole Campbell	2821 S. Mosley	67211
Annette Schoenthaler	1314 Galena	67216
Betty Strickland	1302 Galena	67216
Ben Heuy	12011 Rolling Hills Dr.	67235
Lonny Wright	1721 S. Lulu	67211
Andy Solter		
Vickie Adamson	1659 S. Broadway	67211